



Practitioner's Docket No. 4001527.0008

PATENT

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHOD FOR SECURING A POLISHING PAD TO A PLATEN FOR USE IN CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS** described and claimed in the specification of which is attached hereto or was filed on July 9, 2003, as United States Application Ser. No.: 10/616,514.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the nation filing date of this application.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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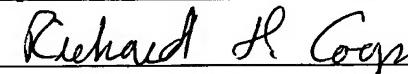
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